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Naples, April 18.

THE second instant the *Assistance* Frigat, Captain *Gardner* Commander, sailed from hence with five Merchant Ships under his Convoy for *Messina*, where they arrived the fifth. Five Gallies of *Sicily* are ready to part for *Palermo*.

Vienna, April 20. Here is a report, as if the Malecontents in *Hungary* had again possessed themselves of some of the Bergh Towns, and made a great spoyl there; This is certain, that the hopes of composing the affairs of that Kingdom, lessen every day; and we have great reason to believe that the Turks, notwithstanding all the assurances they have given this Court of the contrary, do underhand countenance and assist them, which it's to be apprehended, they would do publickly and more considerably, were they not engaged in a War with the Moscovites. Prince *William* of *Furstemberg* has not yet obtained his liberty, which will not now be long denied him, for that the Courier that carried the Emperors Ratifications to *Nimeguen*, is daily expected back with those of *France*. The Emperor and the Empress are gone to take the Air at *Laxemburg*. We are told that the Duke of *Lorrain* will be very shortly here, being, as we have already told you, to command the Imperial Forces in *Hungary*.

Dantzicke, April 22. The Dyet at *Grodno* is broken up, having first resolved to make a defensive Alliance with the Czar of *Moscovy*, upon condition the Czar furnish the Poles with 30000 men, and Two Millions of Gelders yearly, so long as the War shall continue; besides which the Crown of *Poland* will maintain 30000 men more, and the Dutchy of *Lithuania* 10000, which are all to act against the Turks, under the command of the King of *Poland*. The Letters from *Livonia* assure us, that the Suedes are preparing for a second Expedition into *Prussia*, and that their Army will be commanded by Count *Coningsmarke*, who was late Governor of *Pomeren* for the King of *Sueden*.

Berlin, April 30. The Sieur *Meinders*, who lately returned hither from *Paris*, is ordered by our Elector to part immediately for *Nimeguen*, to assist Monsieur *Blaspeil* in the Treaty there, from whence we are expecting to hear, that the Cessation of Arms, which expires to morrow, is continued for some farther term, such as may be sufficient for the treating and concluding the Peace, which his Electoral Highness, considering the present posture of affairs, and how he and the King of *Denmark* are left alone in the War, is very desirous of.

Copenhagen, May 2. They that come over from *Schonen* still say, that the King of *Sueden* is dead; and that he died the 26 of *March*: and one man adds this particular, that at some place, where he was, he saw the Altar of the Church hung with Mourning. However we are expecting a more certain information. Since our last arrived here 3000 Soldiers, and 2000 Seamen from *Norway*; the latter have been put on board the Men of War, which are now ready to go to Sea. This day Lieutenant Admiral *Fuels* went on board his Ship, and to morrow, if the wind and weather permit, will sail with 36 Ships for the *Sound*, and within 8 or 10 days will be followed by 16 more. Several of our light Frigats are now cruising in the *Baltick*, where they will be joined by others fitted out by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, so that we doubt not of being Masters of the Sea this Summer. The King is expected back from *Holstein*, whither he will return again, if there is any appearance of the Enemies attacking it on that side.

Hamburg, May 5. The King of *Denmark* parted on Monday last from *Gluckstadt*, on his return to *Copenhagen*, from whence our Letters still speak of the death of the King of *Sueden*, though as yet without any certainty.

Strasburg, May 1. The French continuing their preparations in these parts, and particularly their working with so much diligence for the making a great way from *Schlestadt* to *Marikerke*, does somewhat alarm us here, especially since the report of the Most Christian Kings intending to come this way in person, and that he will assist the Bishop of *Strasburg* in his Pretensions upon this City; and this makes us work with the more application for the finishing the Fortifications at *Kiel*, where 1000 men are employed every day.

Minden, May 5. We are preparing here for our defence against the French, who we hear have passed the *Rhine*, by raising some new Fortifications, reinforcing our Garison, which is now composed of 4000 men, and mustering the Trained-Bands, and putting them into a posture to do service in case there be occasion.

Cologne, May 5. The French having on Tuesday last finished the Bridge at *Urdingben*, several Regiments of Foot passed the *Rhine* there that day and the following, and marched towards *Argeroort* and *Angermont*, two Castles which they possessed themselves of; but the Cavalry and the baggage remains on this side the *Rhine*. In the mean time a great quantity of Bread was baked in this City for the use of the French Troops, for three days together; but yesterday the Bakers had orders to hold their hands; and at the same time we had advice of a Conference that was held between the French and *Brandenburg* Ambassadors at *Zante*, and that the Cessation of Arms had been prolonged for 15 days. The French now demand Contributions of this Diocess for this month of *May*, and pretend likewise great Arrears from the Dutchy of *Juliers*, which the States of that Country are at present assembled at *Dusseldorp* about. We are told that the Prince of *Neuburg* is coming to reside with the Princess at *Dusseldorp*.

Brussels, May 3. This day about noon their Royal High-